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- 1. RAUTA. OUR COMMENTS ON SILINS AND BRODY MEMOS ENCLOSED IN FRANK'S UNDATED LETTER RECEIVED AUGUST 28 ARE EMBODIED IN BUCHAREST 6261. SUGGESTIONS ARE BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND PRODECURAL, AND WE LIKE TO THINK OF THEM AS INEXTRICABLE, AND OFFERING SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY. ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE THEY ALSO IMPLY MORE WORK ON YOUR PART, THEY DO NOT INVOLVE POINT-MAN ROLE (AND EXPOSURE) FOR YOU (OR US) ALONE, AND IN FACT PROVIDE FOR MORE GENERALIZED AND HIGHER-LEVEL RESPONSIBILITY WHICH SHOULD SERVE EVERYONE IN GOOD STEAD, EVEN INCLUDING RAUTA AND REHM.
- 2. FRANK'S TRIP. IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP AND MOVE CABLE, I NEGLECTED TO RESPOND TO HIS IDEAS ABOUT A TRIP TO AREA, WHICH IS VERY MUCH WELCOME. EVERYONE BUT JOHN TIPTON WILL BE ON BOARD IN LATE SEPTEMBER-EARLY OCTOBER, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO HELPING RENEW FRANK'S GROUND-LEVEL ACQUAINTANCE WITH THINGS ROMANIAN. THREE OR FOUR WORKING DAYS SHOULD BE A HEALTHY DOLLOP, AND RETURN THROUGH BELGRADE AND ROME ALSO USEFUL, ALTHOUGH MUNICH AND VIENNA WOULD TOO IF HE HAS TIME.

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3. TRIFA CASE (STATE 224119). STRATMAN WAS PLANNING TO LEAVE ROMANIA AFTER SIBIU HISTORIAN'S SEMINAR, AND SAID GOODBYE BEFORE IT STARTED, SO WE DO NOT HAVE GOOD FIX ON RESULTS OF HIS RESEARCH. OUR IMPRESSION IS THEY WILL PROVE USEFUL, HOWEVER. WHILE THERE IS NO FORMAL CONNECTION WITH THIROLF'S TRIP, WE THINK RESEARCH MAY

REDUCE URGENCY OF SUCH A VISIT, AND SUSPECT STRONGLY THAT GOR WOULD DRAG FEET LONG ENOUGH IF ASKED TO MAKE IT HARD TO COMBINE WITH TRIP TO ISREAL. IN SUM, DISADVANTAGES OF TRYING SEEM TO OUTWEIGH ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED.

4. BURAKOW ONGOING ASSIGNMENT. AS A FAVOR, I WONDER IF YOU COULD TALK TO SHERROD MCCALL IN SOV AND JOHN FORD IN PER/JO. AS ERSTWHILE ECONOMIST AND CURRENT KNOWLEDGEABLE. HIS CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICER RICHARD MASTERS' LATEST LETTER, DATED AUGUST 25, SUGGESTS SOME POTENTIALLY DAMAGING CONFUSION, OR MISSED OR CROSSED WIRES. WITH SOME SUPPORT FROM ME, NICK HAS BEEN CORRESPONDING WITH BOTH PER AND SOV OVER MUCH OF LAST SEMESTER OFFERING HIMSELF FOR E/C JOBS IN MOSCOW, WITH OTHER ALTERNATIVES IN E/C OR POL SLOTS ELSEWHERE, IN KEEPING WITH CAREER GOAL OF SOVIET/EE E/C SPECIALITY. AS YOU KNOW, HE IS EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED AND PROMISING OFFICER WHO NEED NOT SETTLE FOR LESS. PROBLEM IS THAT IMPRESSION MAY BE DEVELOPING THAT HE WANTS ANYTHING IN MOSCOW: MASTERS' LETTER MENTIONS PERSONNEL AND FBO ADMIN SLOTS, AND INTENTION TO GET HIM TO MOSCOW AT ANY PRICE. IN FACT, HE WANTS E/C OR POL SLOT, WITH VERY STRONG PREFERENCE FOR MOSCOW. DANGER IS THAT HE WILL BE PANELLED WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF THIS FACT. IT WOULD DO WORLD OF GOOD IF YOU COULD BRING THIS TO ATTENTION OF THOSE MOST CLOSELY INVOLVED, CONFIDENTIAL

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